

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 14-18 are amended with this response. Applicant notes with appreciation the provisional allowance of claims 1-19 if the formality and clarity issues were to be addressed. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

An interview was conducted with the Examiner on June 10, 2008, in which proposed amendments were discussed to claim 1, wherein the limitations associated with "corresponding telephone lines" was to be deleted. The Examiner indicated that removing these limitations would not affect the points of novelty upon which he believed such claims were allowable over the cited art. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss and substantively evaluate the proposed claim changes.

II. OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for informalities. More particularly, the Abstract was objected to because DSL was not spelled out. The abstract has been amended herein to address this issue. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for inconsistencies in paragraphs [0057]-[0059] and paragraph [0083]. Paragraphs [0057], [0058] and [0083] are amended herein to address the highlighted issues. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 5, 7-8, 10, 14-17 AND 19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-8, 10, 14-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 14-18 are amended herein to address the highlighted issues, and are now believed to be definite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

V. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-19 UNDER OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-19 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Application No. 09/322,062 (now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,054,376). Applicant traverses this rejection, and does not concede that the pending claims are obvious in view of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,054,376. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, a terminal disclaimer is provided herewith to address this rejection, thereby rendering it moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

VI. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, REINP137USA.

Respectfully submitted,
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